

Regents increase tuition

Approve "principle" of renovation plans

Elaina Meier
 Editor-in-Chief

The Board of Regents met last week on campus to discuss plans for renovation to the Student Union, Becker Hall and a potential increase in tuition.

According to President Jack Ohle, the board approved "in principle" the notion of renovations and additions to what is currently Becker Science Hall.

The board also passed a resolution directing the administration to take the next step in the plans for what is being called the "Science Center."

The resolution calls for the preparation of the construction drawings and bidding.

Similar actions were taken in regards to the Student Union although general schematic designs for the Union are not as developed as those of the Science Center. Further developments of the general designs and a price range must be called before the board asks for the creation of construction drawings.

The board discussed the Danforth issue, but no official decisions were made in regards to the chapel. The board agreed to examine findings of student focus groups led by Lex Smith, dean of students.

When asked how the money would be generated to fund these two building projects, Ohle stated that fundraising would be the primary means of fiscal support. Corporate donations are also a potential source of funds.

Ohle noted that the board will address funding once specific cost has been ascertained and final detailed blueprints are approved by the board.

"I am really excited about this. This continues the planning process that we established as a result of Commission Wartburg," Ohle said.

The board will meet again in May and will revisit these plans.

The board also approved tuition, room, board and fee increases for the 2001-2002 school year.

Tuition will increase \$700—from \$15,510 to \$16,210. This is a 4.5 percent increase.

A permanent \$100 fee will be added to provide funds for the operation of the Union. Ohle noted that this money is not designed to pay for construction but rather to increase student services in the Union.

Room and board costs will also increase \$100 for next year.

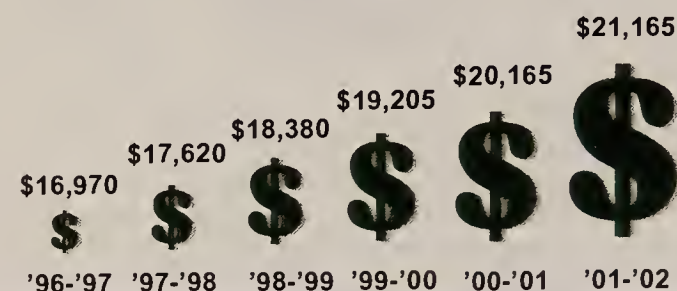
Students will see a total increase of \$1,000, which is just shy of a 5 percent increase. According to Ohle, the national average increases for schools similar to Wartburg is from 5 to 7 percent.

"I don't know where I will get the money. I am already taking out loans and I am working two jobs right now. Hopefully I can find some more scholarship money," said freshman Mindy Viering.

The board also voted on a general increase in funds allocated for scholarships. The details of which scholarships will go up or what students will see additional help has yet to be decided.

"We always want to provide increased financial aid for students whose need increases," said Ohle, who noted that the goal is to "meet the needs of the most needy stu-

Cost keeps rising



MONEY GROWS AT WARTBURG—Tuition, room, board and fees have increased steadily over the past six years. These figures do not include the cost of books or cost of living.

dents."

A letter to students and parents will be distributed later this week to explain the details of the board's most recent actions.

Since 1996, students have seen a steady increase in the cost of attendance, which does not include books or cost of living expenses. The percentage of this increase, however, has risen. The jump from 1996-1997 to 1997-1998 was 3.8 percent. The following year cost shot up by 4.3 percent and then leveled off at a 4.5 percent increase for the 1999-2000 school year.

The increases last year and the newly announced increases both fell just shy of a full five percent.

Forensics takes state

Elaina Meier
 Editor-in-Chief

The Wartburg College Forensics team won the overall championship at the state competition Saturday at St. Ambrose College in Davenport.

The team also had four individual championships on its way to the title.

Freshman Becca Andersen led the team with three championships. Andersen took first place in prose, poetry and special occasion speaking.

Senior Erin Koskovich placed second in prose and fifth in special occasion speaking. Koskovich teamed up with freshman Hilary Baethke to win the dramatic duo category.

Baethke placed second in drama and third in special occasion speaking.

Junior Megan Myhre placed third in drama, fourth in prose and third in dramatic duo with freshman Emily Stoltman.

Stoltman, along with placing in dramatic duo, took fourth in drama.

"The women on the team have worked hard and are deserving of their first place finish, and should be congratulated," said coach Penni Pier.

"It was a really big honor to come home with the state championship, especially since we have such a young team," said Koskovich. "Competing against larger and traditionally more prestigious teams like UNI and Cornell heightened the competition, but we rose to the occasion and walked away victorious."

Up next for the team, pending funding from the college, is the national competition in Boise, Idaho, March 28-31.

"We worked really hard for state and we will continue to work hard for the national competition in March," said Koskovich.

Weekend Run-Out fundless

Kacy Burg
 Staff Writer

Changes in this year's touring budgets for Wartburg's musical ensembles have changed group operations.

Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said that in the past there were separate touring budgets for each of Wartburg's touring ensembles - Castle Singers, Wind Ensemble, and Wartburg Choir. Menzel said that these groups, which were on a four-year touring rotation schedule, have now gone to a three-year touring schedule and have one collective budget.

Dr. Craig Hancock, director of bands, said that one of the ensembles will always tour in the Midwest, another will tour in Europe and the third will have its choice of where it will tour in the U.S. He said that this third ensemble will be the first to determine how much money it needs and the other two will divide what money is left. This year, Castle Singers will tour in the Midwest, Wind Ensemble will tour in Europe and Wartburg Choir will tour in California.

Menzel said that the consolidation of the budget is an effort to provide flexibility for the ensembles and make accounting easier. However, some said that they feel this change negatively affects Wartburg's four non-touring musical ensembles - Symphonic Band, Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth's Chorale and Chapel Choir.

"In the past, the ensemble directors were able to use the money the school gave at our discretion," Hancock said.

He said that the touring money was given to the band in a separate budget. This, he said, helped the Symphonic Band go on a Run-Out Weekend each year. Consolidation of the touring budget has left the directors unable to shuffle

money between groups.

"We have been told that the touring money is only to be used for the touring groups," Hancock said.

This places limits on what the four non-touring ensembles can do. In the past, those ensembles performed in a nearby Iowa church or school for a Run-Out Weekend once each year. Because they do not have touring funds, the sponsoring location paid. Hancock said that in the past, however, the ensembles were able to supplement these expenses with money from the touring budget if the church or school could not afford the full cost. With this year's budget changes, money was not available.

Matt McNamara, student body president, said that this year's budget change became an issue when the Symphonic Band's planned Run-Out Weekend to Knoxville, Iowa, was cancelled due to weather. The Symphonic Band was forced at the last minute to search for another school. Because of the new budget policy, the band could not supplement the expenses a school or church could not afford with the touring money, and it decided to cancel the Run-Out.

Menzel said that there have always been only three touring ensembles and that the other ensembles are designed to perform on campus.

"They are not supposed to be groups to travel off campus," she said.

However, McNamara said that he feels the students in these ensembles should also have the opportunity to tour off campus.

"As student body president," he said, "I don't think this is right."

He used the analogy of JV sports teams at Wartburg to support his point.

"We're not restricting JV athletics in touring at all," he said. "Why are we restricting these groups?"

Dr. Paul Torkelson, director of Wartburg Choir and Castle Singers, said that touring provides students with incentives.

"People enjoy rehearsing, but they also like performing," said Torkelson.

McNamara said that he feels all of the musical ensembles on campus should have this opportunity.

"If we're sending Wartburg Choir to California for a week - and I'm a member of that group - I don't understand why we can't send a group like Symphonic Band to Knoxville, Iowa..." he said.

He said that off campus performances are great public relations and that he thinks provisions should be made for all ensembles to tour.

Menzel said that part of why these four ensembles do not tour is simply the way in which they have developed over the years. She said that recent program growth, such as the split of one band into two and the choral split into Ritterchor and St. Elizabeth's Chorale, is exciting, but that money does not always grow with such changes.

"It's hard to come up with money instantly for a lot of new programs... The music program is not the only program growing and changing. We all wish that we could find and come up with the money to support these new programs," she said.

Menzel said that next year there will be a small amount of one time touring money available to the non-touring groups because of the sesquicentennial celebration. Torkelson said that he is excited about this extra money, even if it is limited.

"Is it enough to do all we'd like?" he said. "No. But it's a start... I view this as a very positive development."

Knights have long-standing traditions

Aaron Buzza

To quote one of my favorite sportscasters of all time, "Holy Cow!"

Harry Caray said it, and most of the time it related to the Chicago Cubs. I, however, would like to use it relating to the Wartburg Knights. I want to say, "Holy Cow," myself because I am thoroughly impressed by what Wartburg athletic teams have been able to do.

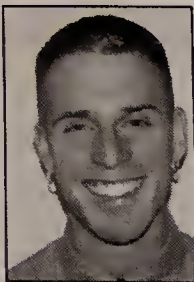
It isn't just dominance in one sport or two sports. Wartburg is doing a great job all around.

Football and volleyball were in contention for IIAC titles. The cross country teams went to nationals. Wartburg was the first conference team since 1985 to sweep the three winter sports. The indoor and outdoor track teams are looking for great years. The indoor squad just broke four more school records. Holy Cow! How about a trip to the College World Series. And how about a team that has never finished above third in the conference convinced they have a legitimate shot at the conference crown and more.

So what is it? Why the conference crowns and more? It is the little things, I think. It is all part of being a Knight.

What is a Knight? One who is in charge of protecting and defending, as well as conquering new ground.

And I think as soon as a player comes to Wartburg, there is something that becomes ingrained in their mentality. They "become" a Knight. Not just because they put on the uniform that is black and orange and has Knights written on it somewhere. These players take on



the persona of a Knight. They want to defend the honor of Wartburg, defend the titles we had and have, and conquer new lands and teams.

All credit to the coaches who help bring this mentality to the players: Johnson, Walker, Miller, Willis, Holst, Schneider, Peth, Severson. And all the others as well.

All credit to the players and the fans, too. Players see that they have to become Knights. Fans cheer on their Knights and urge them to new heights.

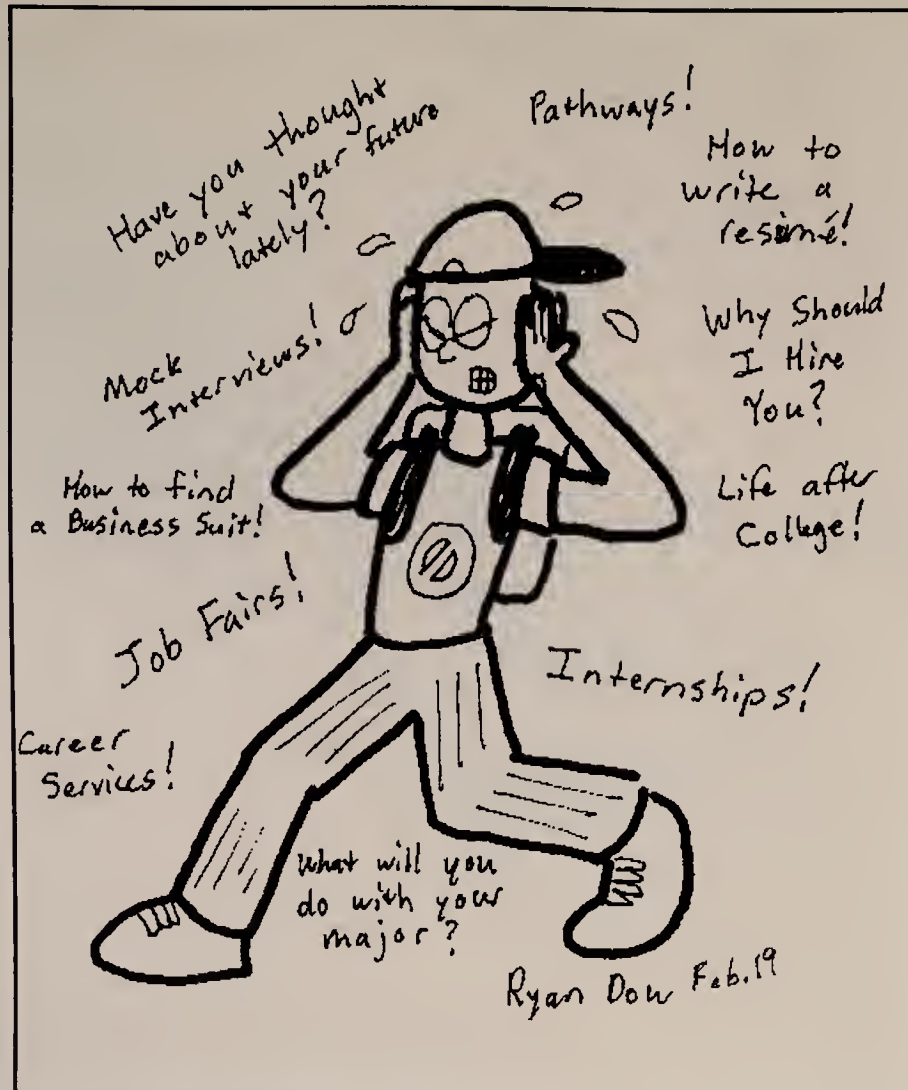
It is the tradition of Wartburg. It is being a Knight. Wartburg players, fans and coaches are dedicated and will do the little things to make sure the teams are dominant.

It isn't just hitting a last-second shot to beat Luther. It isn't going in for a dunk to put the exclamation point on a win. It isn't hitting a big home-run. It isn't returning a kick-off 94 yards for a touch-down.

It is everything else that goes into those opportunities. It is the little things that makes a Knight a Knight.

Sure, a Knight is someone who is the protector of the crown, hero to the person in distress. But a Knight does more, he/she does the little things. A true Knight gives of him or herself. A true Knight makes the pass to the open teammate. A true Knight is the one who makes the critical block to open up a place to run. A true Knight takes pride in winning, and takes pride in the success of the team, not just the individual.

As we go into the conference and national tournaments, I urge players, coaches and fans to remember the tradition of the Knight. Be one who gives of yourself to bring success to the team as a whole. Go Knights!



Good looks make boyfriends dangerous



Rachel Martell

I have a strange effect on guys that I date. I turn them into terrible drivers. I would like to think

that my irresistibly cute looks or charming personality cause this temporary lapse of vehicular judgment, for I can understand how my mere presence in such a confined space could paralyze someone in such a way.

However, I have an itch that the problem lies much deeper. As my favorite psycho-babblist Cleo from TV would tell me, "You emit an aura of hideous vehicular control. And are you cheating on your husband with the next door neighbor?"

The first guy I dated that could actually drive an automobile (for I don't count big wheels or mopeds as valid driving experiences) had an awful habit of actually running into medians any time I was with him. He would attempt to turn left off the highway that ran through town and would smack right into the median. At first I wasn't sure if I was the problem or if he was simply far-sighted. Or perhaps he was colorblind and couldn't distinguish the color of gray concrete from construction worker yellow. However, any doubts about my own involvement were confirmed when we were turning left to eat at Country Kitchen and he hit the median in the entrance straight on. For those visual learners among you, come find me sometime and I'll draw you a picture.

My next boyfriend and I weren't together very long, so I didn't have as much time to thoroughly corrupt him and his vehicle. His lone incident was a direct run-in with a large steel light pole in a parking lot. He blamed the slippery ice and his worn-out brakes, and the explanation seemed plausible enough to make me start to forget about my curse. Really, these things happened to all reckless

teenage drivers. I certainly had nothing to do with it. I was too cute.

Then it happened. I started dating the troll as my friends sometimes affectionately, sometimes not, called him. He made the "median man" look like a seasoned drivers ed instructor, and I swear to this day was a cross between a reincarnated race car driver and Batman. Not long after we started dating, he began to run red lights without noticing, turned the wrong way down one-way streets, hit nearly every curb within the tri-state area, accidentally turned donuts in the middle of busy intersections, and actually once hit a parked ice cream truck. Every time he picked me up for a pseudo-high school date, I was tempted to come to the door in my brother's bike helmet and football pads. I actually feared for my life to the point where I would offer to drive, if only to get to our destination intact and without the glove compartment's contents shoved down my throat.

His vehicular-challenged behavior culminated in what should have been an ordinary and uneventful drive home from the Twin Cities on Interstate 35. He was driving way too fast on the icy winter roads, and his rear-wheel drive truck minus the sandbags he had taken out the week prior continued to do a "booty dance" down the road. All of a sudden, he hit an ice patch, fish-tailed sideways, drove straight into the ditch, came up on the opposite side of the interstate, dodged the on-coming traffic, fish-tailed again, and drove into the ditch once more. At that point I knew two things. First, I had better break up with him before I kill him. Two, I was going to have to move to a place like Amsterdam where everyone rides bicycles.

But after that frightening climax, the curse has begun to wear off a bit. I no longer make guys run into inanimate objects or enter ditches on a regular basis. I just make them speed. Which I entirely attribute to my irresistibly good looks. Or something like that.

Hard work goes into each Trumpet

Elaina Meier
Editor-in-Chief

That's right, more of me. You have found my name on numerous pages of this issue. From the Board of Regents to the Army and all of the columns and editorials in between, I have stumbled across more space with my name on it.

Sometimes some of you agree with what I write and sometimes you don't. Some of you still wonder how editorials appear and who had input. I'll just leave you in the dark on that one for another week, although we did run an explanation once.

Now I want to show you that there is more to this paper than meets the eye.

Every week, staffers scurry across campus to make this newspaper happen. Then on week nights when they want to be with friends or working on homework, the editorial staff comes in and busts their tails to lay out pages. Some work harder than others, but you the reader would never know that.

On Saturdays and Sundays, we have no weekends because something deep inside drives us to create this thing you are holding.

There are more people who make this happen than there is room in the masthead (that thing that tells you who is who). Fancy titles aside, this paper is about long hours and hard work.

When you read your copy of the Trumpet this week, be an active reader. Your peers deserve at least that much.

Take time to, dare I say it, think critically about what you believe and what those around you believe.

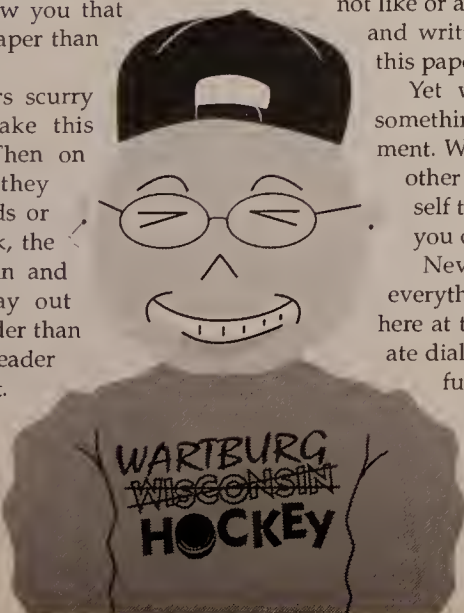
We at the Trumpet know that there will always be someone who wanted their story in and thinks it just as newsworthy as anything else that did run.

We also know that some of you will not like or agree with what is said and written in the columns of this paper.

Yet we ask that you do something with that disagreement. Work to understand the other side, challenge yourself to at least see it even if you do not like it.

Never will we all agree on everything, but it is our goal here at the Trumpet to generate dialog, foster change and fuel growth.

I truly believe that we as a group of young adults are all mature enough to challenge each other towards positive growth.



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OM 100 computer hampers learning

Class space on campus has forced more and more teachers and students to journey into classrooms that they would not have imagined themselves in just a year or two ago.

Old Main 100 has become home to numerous individuals, most of whom can probably comment on the status of the lone computer in that room.

The computer is set up as a presentation station, used by both students and faculty. The catch, however, is whether or not the equipment works properly.

This is by no means the fault of computer services, as they have done everything in their power to facilitate the use of this less-than-ideal equipment.

One of the ironies of the situation is that instructors often teach future teachers never to rely solely on the technology at hand, that one should always have a back-up plan

in the event that technology fails.

Regardless, when students have worked hard to assemble a multi-faceted presentation that becomes useless, or a teacher's efforts to instruct are hindered by a sub-par machine, there is something wrong.

Students and teachers work too hard to engage in a quality learning environment to be continually frustrated by technology.

Budgets may indeed be tight and money doesn't grow on trees, even if Elaina Meier may think it does while in the midst of a tired stupor. Everyone has their "just one computer" that they would like, that they need.

Yet, an institution that teaches a course in educational technology should at least provide quality educational technology. Wartburg may be wired very well, but Wartburg also needs the hardware to handle the wiring. Especially in the classroom.



Money grows on trees here

Elaina Meier

The Board of Regents has spoken. Money must now grow on trees. From the rolling hills of Iowa to the clean cities of Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver and the Twin Cities, mother nature has surprised us all with money-producing trees.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has refused comment on this matter.

Extensive student panels and administrative search committees have found that the majority of students attending Wartburg enroll as a result of the money-growing trees that their families own. These trees are the primary resource used to erase student bills.

Studies have also found that last year's unseasonably warm winter allowed for the extended growth by said plants resulting in larger student savings surpluses.

One might wonder why no one knew about these wonderful trees until just recently. A sub-sub-committee has been created to look into this disturbing finding and report back to a sub-committee that will then report to a committee that will then report to the Board, which will act on said findings and ponder an official decision.

No students will be on this committee, according to one source who wished to remain unnamed.

The admissions office is planning to revise applications for admission to include an inquiry into potential ownership of these once-secret money trees. The financial aid office has also indicated that they will be changing awards to reflect the ownership of said trees.

One official, speaking under the condition of anonymity, stated that the age, size and average production of the trees would all be relevant factors in determining the eventual impact of the trees on student awards.

Alums can plant one of these little saplings upon the birth of their children so that money can be collected and invested for junior to one day attend Wartburg, too.

One student recently commented that the college should plant a few money-growing trees of its own to fund the planned building projects.

Funds generated from these trees could also be used to pay for the rising cost of fuel, thereby keeping campus buildings roasty toasty so that students can open windows all winter long. When the trees get big enough, they will provide enough shade during the warmer months for the students to turn the heat on in those

balmy spring months.

I don't know about you guys, but I sure have my plans.

As the snow melts, I am using the proceeds from my tiny little tree (I keep one in my dorm room...it has survived the florescent lighting rather well) to construct a nice waterfront on campus using the excessive water resources that will arise from the spring melt.

I am also collecting sand from the dorm floors to add a nice beach to the planned waterfront property. I will be soliciting lifeguards to work at the beach, but only from the hours of 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oh yes, before I forget, the beach will be closed on Saturdays...so sorry.

Lastly, I plan to invite the campus maintenance department to plant a few money trees along the edge of the beach.

For all of you who do not have a money tree planted especially for your college attendance, I suggest that you immediately rush to the nearest nursery and purchase the largest money-producing tree you can find.

Otherwise, you might find yourself on financial hold with your class registration canceled. That, my friend, would be a sad sight. You would just have to transfer elsewhere and find another way to pay for school.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the recent letters to the editor about the ROTC debate, I have become concerned. As we celebrate Black History Month, we are given the opportunity to look back and reflect on the discriminatory practices our country has experienced. Actually, we only have to look at our own society, today, to witness the racial discrimination and hate crimes that are committed against blacks, women, Hispanics, the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community and others. When we look back at slavery, the Holocaust and other times in our history, I wonder "how could people think or act that way." Well, I hope that in 50 years from now, the future society will look upon our society and say, "how could they have treated the LGBT community like that." As an educator, I was bothered by some of the editorials. The editorials conveyed to me that since "we all discriminate," we should just live with it. I disagree. We must constantly question and challenge discrimination in our society. Only by standing up and saying, "we will not tolerate or accept discrimination" will we grow as a society. I commend the faculty for voting down the ROTC proposal. However, this notion that Wartburg College discriminated against the

ROTC is absurd. Under this ideology, I have discriminated against White Supremacist groups because I do not allow them to hang out in my apartment. Instead, I understand that having a White Supremacist group in my apartment would create a hostile environment for all non-white students. We must understand that the decision about the ROTC is not about opportunities. We must realize that the decision to have a ROTC program on campus would create a very hostile environment for our LGBT community. As an educational institution, it is our job to fight against discrimination and inequalities in our society. As an educational institution, it is our job to make sure that history doesn't repeat itself.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Rush, Community Service Coordinator

Dear Editor,

I found myself the victim of the time troubles a time or two while on campus.

But here's one problem. If you make all of Wartburg all one centralized time, what are you going to do when you step onto Bremer Avenue? Time there is not the same as it would be in your closed, centralized time world of Wartburg.

The outside world does not work on one clock. Most places do check the military's time or the Zulu time.

I'm in a job that is based on time. When 6:00 PM hits, I'm usually standing on a bridge telling you to slow down on your commute home because it's been snowing all day.

Actually here's a little secret. Not even the news starts at 6. Its usually 5:59:30. But that's our world. If your VCR is not set to KWQC time, you'll miss my cold words on the bridge. Not even all stations start at 6:00. I guess we have varied clocks as well.

You can make Wartburg one time, but what will that do to your clock reading and telling people in the real world? "I'm sorry, my Wartburg watch says 10:00 AM. You say its 10:03. I'm right, I'm on Wartburg time."

Just put down the Sega game a little sooner and get to class a little early. You may actually meet someone new in class and now you have the time to talk to them.

Just passing time

Paul Yeager '98

Anchor/Reporter KWQC-TV6

Davenport, IA

More break housing to remain open

Sara Monson

Staff Writer

The number of residence halls remaining open during winter break has increased this year, according to residential life director Pete Armstrong.

Grossmann Hall, Knights Village, the Manors, the Residence and Founders will be available for students who wish to remain on campus for winter break.

Armstrong said that there are many extracurricular activities occurring during break, thus forcing a larger number of students to stay on campus.

"We will have many more students here [on campus] this year, so we will have to provide more accommodations," Armstrong said.

Castle Singers, Knightlites Jazz Band, men's and women's basketball, track and about 20 student teachers will need to stay in the residence halls for either a few days or all of break.

Armstrong said that by keeping these five residence halls open, the students who need to stay on campus will have more options.

Clinton and the Complex are not remaining open for break due to the number of first-year students who live there.

"First-year students are more likely to leave during break," Armstrong said.

Safety issues are also a concern on campus over break.

"We are trying to balance students who need to be here, and also trying to keep the campus safe," Armstrong said. "There is safety in numbers."

Students who live more than 500 miles away from campus, those who need to stay for academic or extracurricular reasons or students that must work on campus may remain on campus over break.

If students must remain on campus, it is their responsibility to find a friend or acquaintance that they can stay with in one of the open buildings. The student is also required to complete a break housing request form and turn it in by Wednesday to the Residential Life office.

The cost of living on campus over break is either \$5 per night or \$15 for the entire week unless you are required to move to another building.

Students are reminded that winter break officially begins Friday, Feb. 23 at 5:35 p.m. Dorms will re-open Sunday, March 4 at 1 p.m. Food Service will resume with breakfast Monday.

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Graven Award to be given to couple

Jordan Drackley

Managing Editor

For the first time in the 12-year history of the Graven Award, the prestigious honor will be given to a husband and wife team who has devoted its life to faith and medical aid.

Dr. Neil and Lillian Williams of Cedar Falls will be given the award tonight at 7:30 in the Wartburg Chapel. Ritterchor will be providing music for the special ceremony. The Williamses will also be speaking at convocation Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

"The Williamses have had a partnership [in their lives and service]," said the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations. "We couldn't very well give the award to one of them and not the other. They were chosen for the award specifically because they lived out faith in their daily life," she continued.

The Williamses have served in communities at the American Mission Hospital in Deir-ez-Zor, Syria from 1953 to 1957, and at El-Mina Hospital in Trioli, Lebanon in 1961. While Dr. Williams was practicing

medicine in Syria, Lillian taught children of missionaries there, continuing her career in education that began in the Coralville Elementary School from 1950 to 1952.

They have also participated in several two-week mission projects in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico and Jamaica, all while Dr. Williams had a private practice of general surgery in Cedar Falls from 1962 until his retirement in 1996.

After retiring, the couple lived and worked in such places as Haiti, Madagascar and Tanzania. Now they are active volunteers in the Cedar Falls community and in Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Bouzard added that it is nice that the couple lives close to Waverly.

"They have friends that can be a part of this and can celebrate with them," she said.

The Graven Award is funded by the Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven for The Ministry of the Laity: The Church in the World and goes to a person "whose life is nurtured and guided by a strong sense of Christian calling and who is making a significant contribution to community, church and society."



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Sesquicentennial plans in the works

Melissa Guthrie
News Editor

Celebration plans are in the works, according to Sesquicentennial Student Co-Leader Sara Ehlinger.

Ehlinger said she expects the Sesquicentennial to be the biggest celebration Wartburg's ever seen.

"A lot of work and effort have gone into creating these events," Ehlinger said. "Students should make sure they're able to participate."

Student participation, according to Ehlinger, is one of her primary goals for the Sesquicentennial celebration.

"A greater understanding of the past and heritage of Wartburg can be gained," she said. "Greater involvement with students, alumni, faculty and staff will increase the sense of community."

Ehlinger said it's important for community members of all ages to understand Wartburg's past and appreciate its future.

"Understanding the past is important for realizing the type of institute you're a part of, its morals, values and goals," she said.

"I think it's really important because by understanding the past we can realize where we're going in the future and create a vision for years to come."

Many events are being planned to provide students and the larger Wartburg community with the opportunity to gain this understanding.

Ehlinger said she was asked to find student leaders to serve on various committees and her role is to encourage student participation in the planning process.

"Matt [McNamara] was approached with the possibility of being a leader but since he's graduating he asked me if I would be interested in the position [of Sesquicentennial Student Co-Leader],"

Ehlinger explained. "He's taking a more administrative role in the planning."

Some of the committees that have or need student input are opening convocation, vocational calling, displays, commemorative items, church, music, homecoming post-game party and the homecoming gala.

If students are interested in still being involved, Ehlinger said they can contact her by e-mail at ehlingers.

"Students will need to meet with faculty and generate ideas, be there to implement them on the given day and make sure things are carried out," Ehlinger explained.

All the committees will be fun according to Ehlinger.

Ehlinger added that students' participation in planning will give them the opportunity to take initiative and demonstrate leadership.

"I think student involvement in the planning process will foster greater student participation in all the events," she said.

Opening Convocation 2001 and Homecoming 2002 will be some of the celebration's highlights according to Ehlinger.

"The excitement and reverence for the past, then vision for the future of the college will be explored," Ehlinger said. "Opening convocation next year will be huge and Homecoming 2002 will be the culmination of all our work."

Ehlinger added that Opening Convocation 2001 will feature more than a speaker. She said there may be a large picnic and more of a celebration.

"Interactive games will be a part of the celebrations," Ehlinger said.

"Overall, community members of all ages will be able to better understand Wartburg's past and appreciate its future as a result of Sesquicentennial events."

Campus briefs

STUDENT WINS GRAMMY TRIP

Junior Gretchen Bartlett won a prize package from KZIA (Z102.9) and KGAN-TV 2 Cedar Rapids. The prize includes round trip airfare to Los Angeles from Cedar Rapids, round trip airport transfers via shuttle service and two nights first class hotel accommodations at the Universal Hilton Hotel. In addition, chauffeured limousine transfers to the 43rd Annual Grammy Awards and the post-party event are included. She has a bronze admission ticket to the awards show at the Staples Center Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Bartlett qualified for the prize three weeks ago by being caller 10 and correctly answering a trivia question. Her name was drawn on Valentine's Day at 8:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TO VISIT

Well-known Canadian children's author Margariet Ruurs will visit Wartburg Monday, March 5. Ruurs will present in Neumann Auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Her presentation is open to the public and will focus on the making of her book, "A Mountain Alphabet."

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS POSITIONS

If you are interested in being an executive officer for the Catholic Knights during the 2001-2002 school year attend the meeting on March 6 at 9:30 p.m. in the Chapel Commons or email hoverm.

WIN A \$50 BOOKSTORE VOUCHER

February is financial aid awareness month. Students that stop in the financial aid office to check the status of their 2001-2002 financial aid file will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Wartburg Bookstore. Winners will be announced March 2.

HELP BUILD A HOUSE

Service trip participants for John's Island, S.C. will sell nails in the Caf line during lunch and dinner today as well as tomorrow. You can buy three nails for a

dollar. We ask you to write a message on the nails for encouragement to the builders and best wishes for the new homeowners.

TESTING SERVICES

March 6 is the next scheduled test date for CLEP and Math 90. CLEP begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Pathways Center. Math 90 is offered at both 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Testing Services bulletin board. Interested students may also contact Mary Traetow at 8230 or through email at traetow.

2001-2002 HOUSING

Students seeking approval for off-campus living for the 2001-2002 academic year can pick up an application in the Student Life Office in Luther Hall 206. Grossmann Hall Interest Housing Information and applications can be picked up in the Residential Life Office in Luther Hall 206 as well.

ELCA INTERNSHIPS

Students interested in applying for Chicago-based ELCA internships are asked to send a resume, cover letter and two writing samples to the Department of Human Resources, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Application deadline is March 30 and more information is available in the Chapel office.

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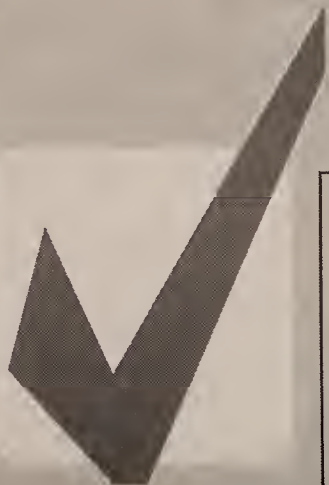
Half-price Ginny Owens tickets for Wartburg students are now on sale. Tickets are only \$5. Students may obtain concert tickets in the Chapel office. Ginny Owens is scheduled to perform March 24.

RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Senior Angela Peters will present a brief discussion tonight about her research at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo. The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. in the Vogel Library Classroom.

Candidates speak out on runoff

CASSY DEARBORN "...giving the students a second chance to vote will give the student body the opportunity to fully express its desire for student body recorder."



"It's been fun these past few weeks campaigning, but I'm ready for the results."



ALICIA MENELEE

*Vote for the 2001-2002 Recorder
outside the cafeteria Tuesday!*

Runoff for Senate recorder

Helen Severe
Staff Writer

Freshman recorder candidates Cassy Dearborn and Alicia Menefee runoff for the position Tuesday outside the cafeteria.

The straight percentage results from last week are 45 percent Dearborn, 30 percent Menefee, 24 percent freshman Brooke Trent and 1 percent write-ins (8 votes).

Although Dearborn had 15 percent more votes than her nearest contender, according to the rules, a candidate must receive "50 percent +1" of the votes in order to take the office.

"I feel that the extra week for campaigning has drawn out the election a lot. However, giving the students a second chance to vote will give the student body the opportunity to fully express its desire for student body recorder," said Dearborn.

Menefee said she was excited to see how the race goes. "It's been fun these past few weeks campaigning but I'm ready for the results," she added.

Other election results were more clear cut. Junior Matt McNamara and sophomore Sara Ehlinger are the new president and vice president. The team received 65 percent of the 553 votes cast. Juniors Jacob Hendrickson and Tim Eldridge tallied 19 percent of the vote and sophomores Steve Murray and Jason Bucklin received another 14 percent. There were 13 write-in votes: 12 for Milo and Floyd, one for a single student.

Sophomore Nathan Eberline won the student body treasurer, uncontested. There were 14 write-in votes.

McNamara said all candidates did well with their campaigns. In regard to the presidency, he added that to his knowledge, this is the first time anybody's been reelected for a second year.

Winter blues strike

Amy Wineinger and Karina Jorgensen

Staff Writers

A mixture of bad weather and midterm pressure has the Wartburg community wishing that it were summer already—literally. A lack of sunlight and short winter days may be adding to the stress that many students and staff are feeling as the first seven weeks of Winter Term come to a close.

Stephanie Newsom, director of counseling services, said that the dreary winter season plays a part in the depressed and exhausted feelings that many students are having.

"Several students that I have come in contact with have said that they want the sun to come out. Even some members of the faculty have felt this way too. Research shows that less sunlight during the daytime leads to a higher rate of depression," Newsom said. "It affects everybody differently. A lot of us do experience the winter blues because there will be several days in a row where we don't see the sun shine. The weather is pretty cruddy and it makes it difficult to get out and about."

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is entering into mainstream knowledge as more and more people find themselves experiencing the effects of a lack of sunlight.

"I think it's [SAD] everywhere, especially in Iowa where the days are shorter and there is less sunlight. [SAD] affects the level of serotonin in the brain, which is the chemical that causes you to feel good. If you don't have enough, you feel depressed and have less energy and less motivation," Newsom said. "It [SAD] happens in countries and states that are more northern. The farther north you get, the higher the percentage of Seasonal Affective Disorder."

People suffering from this disorder experience carbohydrate cravings and weight gain during the winter months. They may also experience sadness and a loss of energy.

They may find that exercise and adequate rest are not enough. In some cases, medication is needed. Light therapy is one form that can be helpful. The person sits under a light box for about 30 minutes to simulate the sun's rays.

"It was hard coming back to Wartburg after being in Mexico over Christmas break. When I was there I felt like I had a ton more energy. But now that I'm back and there's all the snow and bad weather, my system took a nose-dive," said freshman Andrea Bockelman.

In addition to the dull and wearisome days, midterm stress has hit the student body at full force over the past few weeks.

"I'm so stressed. I don't hang out with my friends as much as a result. They know I'm studying. I'm feeling a lot of pressure from home and from myself to get good grades, so that's adding to my stress," said freshman Devon Schwindenhammer.

Newsom has some recommendations for anyone who is experiencing the stressful effects of the gray winter months and many imposing due dates.

"I think the biggest thing is to manage time wisely. Have 'recess' and have fun. Take 30 minutes to goof around with friends. Go to the PEC and do a quick workout. Some people have money for a massage, but anything like listening to music or taking a quick nap helps. Just keep things in perspective and take things day by day. Also, eat complex carbs like veggies," Newsom said.

Newsom said that she sometimes meets with students who are "struggling with anxiety." In cases like these, she first looks at their thought process.

"These people usually have irrational thoughts, like a person with a 3.96 and got a B+ and they are real nervous. I then work on restructuring their thoughts so that they can think rationally and realize where their thoughts come from," Newsom said.

Upperclassmen who have been through the stress of the midterms and finals before have advice of their own for other students.

"What's key is to be organized and schedule your time wisely. Don't procrastinate. Get a lot of rest. Take breaks every now and then when you study," said sophomore Rachel Odette.

Those persons that feel stressed or depressed and would like help may visit Counseling Services in the Pathways Center on the third floor of Vogel Library. Its hours are from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

AWARE to hold luau Wednesday

Kacy Burg

Staff Writer

With stress and irritation on the rise among students before Winter break, AWARE hopes to give students a break with an Ice Cream Luau.

Alcohol Wisdom and Real Education is sponsoring the Ice Cream Luau in Buhr Lounge, Wednesday night from 10:30 to 11:30. Stephanie McClure, AWARE president, said that students will have the chance to make their own free, ice cream sundaes and learn about responsible alcohol consumption at the event.

"It's a time to get free ice cream and not have to puke when you get home," Jessica Richter, member of AWARE, said with a laugh. "The only headache you'll get is an ice cream headache."

In spite of the humor, Richter said that alcohol is a very serious issue and that there needs to be more alcohol education on the Wartburg campus. She said that the goal of the ice cream social is to provide an alternative to a Wednesday night out at Joe's and to educate students about adverse effects of alcohol. McClure echoed these feelings when she talked about AWARE's goals.

"We are under new leadership [this semester] that is trying to get more programs going and more education for the Wartburg community," she said. "The goal of this luau is to continue to make people 'aware' of our group and alcohol problems in general."

McClure said that the group hopes to provide alternatives to drinking through activities such as this Ice Cream Luau and an upcoming St. Patrick's Day alcohol-free celebration. She said that the group plans to educate people at these events, as well as provide them with "sober fun."

"AWARE is a group that provides alternatives for students who choose not to drink and encourages those who do to drink responsibly," added Stephanie Newsom, director of counseling services and advisor for the group.

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Bye plans tours

Dave Koob
Staff Writer

Winter Term and May Term are busy times for Wartburg's touring music groups.

While performers are practicing music, Carol Bye, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, is planning tours for Castle Singers/Knightlighters, Wartburg Choir and Wind Ensemble.

This is Bye's second year and changes have already been made as a result of her presence of campus. In June, the President's Cabinet decided that a group should tour the Midwest every year. This decision put the touring groups on a three year rotation.

Castle Singers/Knightlighters are touring the Midwest this year. The Choir is going to California and the Wind Ensemble is going to Europe during May Term.

Bye said that Midwest tours are important for reaching out to recruits, alumni, past parents and friends of the college.

She contacts alumni and churches for possible tour stops.

Bye said she wants to start doing more pre-tours, where she visits the church and meets the pastor. This also gives her an idea of the church layout.

A 10-year plan is in effect now, with some tours planned years in advance.

Last year Bye accompanied Singers/Knightlighters on their eastern tour, and she will travel to Chicago and California with the Singers and Choir this year. Her role during tour is important because she makes personal contact with those she has talked or written letters to. Bye also speaks at intermission of the concerts and checks groups into hotels.

Bye is not the sole planner of these tours, however. Students like Wendy Cox and Becca Martin plan group activities and other details surrounding the tours.

"This is my second year working with her. It is sometimes overwhelming helping... but it is also really rewarding," said Cox. "Carol and I sit down and work out the logistics. She is very well organized and is a joy to work with. She is a lot of fun and wants us to have fun."



Katie Shannon/TRUMPET

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES—Carol Bye works to make the contacts and plans necessary for the Wartburg touring music groups to travel and perform without a hitch.

Weekend fun a concern

Emily Youde
Staff Writer

Being that Waverly is a small community and that larger towns with more options for activities are close, some students choose to stay on campus for the weekends, while others do not.

Those who choose to stay on campus find different activities to make the hours pass.

Dan Hansen, a sophomore, stays here most weekends.

"I study, go to parties and relax," Hansen said.

Freshman Sarah Gibbons includes athletic events in her weekends.

"I usually go to the basketball games if it is at home, or I go to parties and Joe's," Gibbons said.

Hansen and Gibbons both feel that it is fun to go to athletic events on the weekend, as well as hang out with friends and roommates.

"It's fun to go to sporting events. Go Knights!" said Hansen.

Students have several memories of past weekend fun at Wartburg.

"The most fun that I remember doing on campus was playing midnight hide and seek the night before finals," said sophomore Beth Thompson.

Recently, ETK hosted a Sister Hazel concert in Neumann Auditorium. Gibbons said that was definitely the most fun she's done on campus.

People choose to stay on campus over the weekends for many reasons, including friends, activities and distance from home.

The students that leave campus for the weekends usually either going home or going to another college to visit friends.

Some students feel that if there were more to do on campus over the weekends, then people would stay.

"Wartburg should plan more fun stuff. There is never anything fun to do," Thompson said.

"They should have movie nights in the weekends and promote the athletic events more," Hansen said.

"We should have more concerts and performers and offer more activities to make people stay on campus," Gibbons said.

Traction aid becomes a pain

Becca Anderson
Staff Writer

Slipping on icy sidewalks, tracking sand into dorms and wondering when winter will ever end have become routine for many students. The recent winter storms that have hit campus while on a journey across the Midwest have left snow, ice and many unhappy students in its wake.

Local schools and other colleges throughout the area have cancelled classes in light of the severe weather, yet classes were still held at Wartburg. Many students felt recent weather conditions justified cancellation of all classes.

"I understand the argument that we are a residential campus, but sometimes there are conditions that warrant classes being cancelled and Friday [the ninth] was one of those days," said freshman Ben Shanno.

The final decision on whether or not to cancel classes lies in the hands of Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty—after consulting with the President's Cabinet and other Wartburg staff.

Menzel must consult with many members of the Wartburg staff and faculty before the final decision is made. She must talk with the vice president for administration and finance who, in turn, talks with buildings and grounds staff about the road and campus conditions.

According to President Ohle, because Wartburg is a residential campus and has the skywalk system, classes will be held unless conditions are so severe that it would be unsafe for students and faculty to travel to campus.

"Because most students live on campus and all of the needed personnel were on campus or could get to campus, we felt it was not necessary to cancel classes," President Ohle said.

Many students have complaints about the sidewalks on campus. They feel that maintenance is not removing the ice well enough.

"They are efficient at removing snow, but they seem to have something against ice melt," Shanno said.

Maintenance uses a wide variety of equipment to remove snow and ice. The problem with the past storm was that frozen rain came first followed by snow.

"It was too frozen to blade off," said John Wuertz, maintenance superintendent.

The ice-melt was less effective because the temperature was too low—that is why sand was used—but many students have voiced their complaints over the use of sand.

"It (sand) just creates a mess in the dorms," said freshman Kristin Haase.

"I don't like the liberal use of sand," Shanno added. "Our floor has become a quasi-sandbox."

Travel also became a difficult situation for students due to the dangerous weather. Some students

who had to go home for the weekend had to make other arrangements. Others who chose to travel anyway faced icy roads and slow driving.

"I had plans for the weekend, but couldn't follow through with them because of the weather. The interstate was closed at the Iowa/Minnesota border, which made travel impossible," Haase said.

"I went to Cedar Rapids and it took me over two hours," said Shanno. "The highways were really bad and traffic was moving very slowly. It was not a good situation to be in."

Despite the results of the latest winter storms, students maintain hope that spring is just around the corner.



Mindi Kasiga/TRUMPET

FANCY HAIRDO—Senior Jasmine Baxton and freshman Jackie Beener show off their dreadlocks.

Pay increase proposed

Ben Shanno

Staff Writer

A proposal has been sent to the president's cabinet that, if passed, would increase student pay in all on-campus student employment positions.

Currently, students are paid \$5.15 per hour for their first year in a given department, \$5.25 for subsequent years in the same department and \$5.50 for being a student manager in a department.

The student employment wage rate committee, made up of students and staff members, researched and presented a proposal that would increase the starting wage to \$5.25 per hour. The new proposal calls for 16 possible wage levels, with experience and skill level required to perform the job being the criteria from moving from one pay level to another. Under the new plan, the maximum student wage would be \$6.50 per hour.

This wage matrix would rank students according to skills and job expectations, Student Body President and committee member Matt McNamara said.

According to the proposal, responsibility would be given to supervisors to determine what classification and wage rate should be applied to students working in their department.

"The hope is that supervisors would use the different classifications to attract and retain students because of the type of work they would be doing," said Jen Sassman, committee member and associate director of financial aid. "We hope that we can train supervisors to use the system to within their budget constraints to attract people to positions that maybe aren't as attractive as others on campus."

Another issue addressed by the proposal is the difference in actual "work" involved in work-study positions. Some jobs, such as the info desk or the PEC desk, allow students to work on homework while on the job. Other jobs, such as working in the caf, do not afford students that luxury.

Sophomore caf worker Greg Dewey believes that students who are working all the time should get paid more than their counterparts who might be studying more than working.

"(In the caf) you're constantly doing manual labor as opposed to doing your homework and getting paid for it," Dewey said.

Freshman Dan Best agrees.

"It would be nice if they could get us more pay, especially for actually working the whole time," Best said.

Most off-campus employers start their employees at higher rates than even the proposed \$5.25. According to a Burger King manager, Burger King employees start at \$6.50 per hour. Starting pay at Wal-Mart is \$6 per hour, human resources manager Heidi Schroeder said.

Sassman acknowledges the higher pay of off-campus employment, but thinks the proposed package will help to keep students on campus.

"We hope that the proposed plan will eliminate some of the gap between the competitive salaries outside of campus, although we know that we probably aren't as competitive," Sassman said.

Best said that he has thought about seeking employment off campus, but the convenience of working minutes away from his room led him to on-campus employment.

"It is convenient to work in between classes. It also gives me a chance to do my homework at night," he said. Best said that he would probably work on-campus next year even though he could go elsewhere and get paid more.

The attention to schoolwork that comes with working for the college is another factor in students' decisions to work on campus.

"Supervisors are a little bit more flexible about...not being ready for a test," Sassman said. "Supervisors are pretty sensitive to those kind of issues where outside employers may not be as sensitive."

Meningitis scare raises concern on campus

Sara Monson

Staff Writer

A recent outbreak of meningitis at Iowa State has raised some concern on Wartburg's campus. One Iowa State student was hospitalized this week with bacterial meningitis and two others have been tested, according to an article in The Des Moines Register. Two deaths from meningitis were reported elsewhere in the state during the past two weeks.

Meningitis is a rare bacterial infection that occurs in two forms. Meningococcal meningitis causes inflammation that affects the brain and spinal cord, and meningococcemia meningitis causes bacteria in the blood.

According to The American College Health Association, college students—particularly freshmen—are at a high risk for contracting meningitis due largely to the close living quarters.

"Meningitis is high risk and moves so quickly," said Randeel Ellefson, director of the health and wellness center. "I strongly recommend the vaccine."

The meningitis vaccine currently costs about \$71 and is 85 to 100 percent effective in preventing four kinds of bacteria. The immunization remains effective for approximately 3-5 years.

Meningitis is spread either through the air or through direct contact with an infected person. Sharing things like glasses or cigarettes can pass this infection, as can contact such as kissing.

Symptoms include high fever, rash, vomiting, severe headache, neck stiffness, nausea and sensitivity to light. According to the American College Health Association, meningitis usually peaks in late winter and early spring. Because of its close proximity to flu season, meningitis symptoms can be mistaken for influenza.

Students should seek medical care immediately if two or more symptoms occur consecutively. If meningitis goes untreated, it can lead to brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability, kidney failure or even death.

Though the meningitis vaccine is not currently required of college students, Ellefson said she believes it will soon become a necessity for incoming freshmen.

Students may refer to the bulletin board outside the cafeteria, look for posters displayed in the residence halls or contact the health center for further information concerning meningitis and its vaccine.

Student Pay Scale	Class	Years in same dept.			
		0-1	1-2	2-3	3+
	1Y	\$5.25	\$5.35	\$5.45	\$5.55
	2Y	\$5.35	\$5.50	\$5.65	\$5.80
	3Y	\$5.50	\$5.70	\$5.90	\$6.10
	4Y	\$5.70	\$5.95	\$6.20	\$6.50

Laundry room respect

Ideas discussed to increase laundry etiquette

Abby Hardinger

Staff Writer

For many students, one of the hardest things about living on their own at college is doing their own laundry. At college, white socks become pink, favorite t-shirts turn pale blue, and sweatshirts become small enough to fit toddlers. But once a student has mastered reading clothing tags and sorting, the hard part becomes dealing with the lack of rules and respect in the laundry room.

"People take sopping-wet clothes out of the dryers and leave them on top so their clothes can be dried," first-year student Abby Rodemeyer said. She does at least one load of laundry a week and frequently finds unfolded or wet clothes left on dryers or the table.

The Complex Hall Council is looking into solutions to the laundry etiquette problems. So far, they are looking into implementing a "tag system."

"The 'tag system' involves having a board in every laundry room with student's name and number on them. When a student goes to use a washer, they

would put their tag on that washer. That way, if they forget, a person waiting for the washer can call them and remind them about their laundry," Complex Residence Hall Director Dana Barnard said.

However, the council is still examining this issue as it may not be cost-effective to implement.

Many students feel that it is a good idea, but other students will take advantage of the system.

"I think the idea is good, but I have a feeling that people won't do it. They will just ignore the tags," Rodemeyer said.

There are students, however, who feel the problem will not be solved with the "tag system."

"I think it's dumb. You wouldn't be improving anything by starting this system. It would just be a hassle," first-year student Kevin Berg said.

Barnard feels that the "tag system" will help problems occurring in the laundry rooms, but realizes that the problem is more than just wet laundry on a dryer.

"Part of college is learning responsibility and respect.

Students need to learn to respect one another, even in the laundry room," Barnard said.

Berg, who does laundry every other week, does not see a problem with taking laundry out of dryers.

"If laundry is done in a dryer, I take it out. It's every person for his or herself," Berg said.

The Hall Council will also try posting laundry room etiquette signs and placing a phone in every laundry room to help curb the problems.

Currently, there are nine washers and nine dryers servicing the residents of the Complex. Barnard hopes that those numbers will rise.

"I would like to see at least one more washer and dryer in each laundry room," Barnard said.

Rodemeyer agrees that something has to be done with the number of machines available.

"We need more washers and dryers. Even one more of each in every laundry room would help. The population at Wartburg has risen and the laundry facilities need to reflect that increase," she said.



Sarah Seboldt/ TRUMPET

NO MORE WET SOCKS—Students using the residence hall laundry rooms may be seeing a new "tag system" implemented in order to increase laundry etiquette and respect among student users of the laundry room.

ROTC questions, debate continue

Elaina Meier

Editor-in-Chief

The ROTC debate continues. Questions of how the faculty decision was reached and what exactly the ROTC is remain prevalent on Wartburg's campus.

A group of students led by Student Body President Matt McNamara spent time on the UNI campus in the ROTC facilities viewing a presentation, asking questions and interacting with ROTC students.

The details of the potential scholarship money available to students was clarified by ROTC officials. Next year, ROTC students will not only be able to draw from Army benefits but also from the Iowa National Guard. Students who engage in a four-year program and maximize their benefit potential can draw in \$75,940.

"ROTC is multi-faceted. There is an academic portion.

There is a leadership portion and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we do physical fitness. We look for the well-rounded individual," said DePuglio.

The program also has minimum grade requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0 and a 3.0 in ROTC classes to maintain classes. Students must also be full-time students and cannot receive a failing grade in any class.

DePuglio noted that students who struggle with the academic requirements are brought in to receive guidance and academic supervision.

According to DePuglio, students who show interest in ROTC come from a wide spectrum of major academic pursuits.

DePuglio also addressed the growing place of peace keeping and ethics in the military and consequently the ROTC programs.

The details of how this matter moved through the faculty has previously been unclear to many students.

According to Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs, the faculty discussed the issue for approximately 30 minutes and then voted via ballot.

"I think they understood the proposal and the way it would work," said Menzel. "I think at that point it was a matter of two primary concerns. One had to do with entering into an agreement with military when we have a concern at the college for issues of peace and justice and the second major concern had to do with the don't ask, don't tell policy. Our faculty handbook, unlike federal law, indicates that we will not discriminate against gays and lesbians."

When asked about the homosexuality issue, DePuglio stated that in regards to the "don't ask, don't tell" legislation, the "laws that are on the books, we are forced to carry out."

"If people have problems with that policy, the faculty members should take it up with their elected representatives and don't use it to hold benefits away from college students," said DePuglio.

Dr. Terrence Lindell, associate professor of history, explained his affirmative vote by stating, "Do we want the officer corps of the United States Army to be influenced by the sorts of values that Wartburg as a church-related liberal arts college espouses? If the answer is yes—and it certainly is for me—then this was an opportunity to be taken."

There has also been debate on campus about the degree of student input in this process.

According to Menzel, "I do know that there were two students on EPC and they were present when the Lieutenant Colonel came to EPC. It is probably true that those students who are not members of the faculty may not have anticipated at that time the controversy and the differences of opinion" that would arise.

Whether or not students were there is at present unclear.

"Unfortunately, I was not in attendance at the EPC meeting the day the Lieutenant Colonel was there," said McCrindle.

Brandon Patten, the other student on EPC, was not available for comment.

All parties involved seem to concur that additional measures should have been taken to generate student input on this issue.

"Perhaps we are all culpable in that and we should have made some other attempts to get students involved," said Menzel.

Regardless of lingering questions, convictions and doubts, Lt. Col. DePuglio has committed to pursuing this issue. "As long as there are students interested in ROTC at Wartburg College, I will knock on the door every day," said DePuglio.

"We will not interfere with or prevent any students from participating [in ROTC courses at UNI] and certainly do anything we can to cooperate," said Menzel.

Without the agreement, however, students will not be able to draw from the fiscal benefits of the ROTC.



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AT GROUND LEVEL—This ROTC student takes part in the Ranger Challenge, which is the ROTC version of a Varsity Sport. This is one area in which students put leadership and decision making skills to the test.

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Softball prepares for season opener

Joe Boswell

Staff Writer

The Wartburg softball team is combining inspiration with hard work, as it prepares for its Florida opener Feb. 28.

Head coach Randy Schneider said he is seeing positive things from this year's team. Schneider said he expects this year's team to be even better than last year's, which broke several school records.

"I'm very happy with our progress. We have a lot of key players and great depth," Schneider said, "We are loaded with talent."

This year's softball team is young. The team consists of five upperclassmen.

However, several of the players bring honors to the field. Freshman Amy Kueker is a two-time elite all-state catcher. Junior Natalie Curran is a third team all-region and second team all-conference outfielder and junior Alisa Steffen, a transfer from Waldorf College, is a two-time All-American in center field.

Pitching will be a key component Schneider said. The team has one new pitching addition, after losing a pitcher during the fall.

The softball team also lost senior first baseman Carrie Crawford, who was forced to leave the team due to an injury.

Schneider said a key challenge is getting his young ball players to believe they can win ball games.

"We're young, and we are introducing a lot of new things," Schneider said.

Members of the team describe themselves as a positive and close group. The girls are constantly picking each other up and encouraging one another, freshman shortstop Stacey Webb said.

"We are a cohesive and close team," freshman outfielder Amy Sopher said. "We are always trying to make each other better."

To help spark team unity, upperclassmen had freshman players carry baby bottles around campus for a week. Players were unable to abandon their bottles at anytime during the day. Freshman players also had to wear diapers at Joe's Knighthawk one Saturday night earlier this month.

Something unique about the team is each day a different player takes turn sharing an inspirational quote or story. Players said these stories help one another focus on their goals in route to becoming a national champion.

Players are looking forward to their southern trip. They said it will be a good experience against good teams from all over the country.

"I'm very excited. I can't wait to play softball in the warm weather," Webb said.

A week from Sunday, the softball team begins the season against Capitol University in Fort Meyers, Fla. In Florida, the girls will play 12 varsity and three junior varsity games. They enter the tournament unranked.

The team is scheduled to leave Feb. 23 and return March 4.



Sarah Mahoney/ TRUMPET

OFF SEASON WORK-OUT—Wartburg football players are already preparing for the 2001 season. These team members are doing their circuit training in the hall east of the gym.

Limited PEC hours cause student frustration

Joe Boswell

Staff Writer

Limited space in the PEC is the cause of much frustration for students wanting to work out, but finding no place to do so.

The required Lifetime Wellness class for Wartburg students is a way to start a healthy lifestyle while on campus. However, after the class has ended, there are limited opportunities to maintain the routines taught in the class unless one is a part of an athletic team.

"Health and wellness are very important to us, if we could offer more in terms of specialized classes, like aerobics, tai-kwon do or step classes, we would certainly do that," said Gary Grace, director of athletics. Due to limited space, that is not a reality at present. Especially now, during what Grace considers to be the busiest months of the year.

There have been improvements made to lessen the overcrowding in the facilities. A rule was put into effect last year

stating that all community members can use the PEC only until 2:00 p.m. Grace said this is the usual time students begin to come in, so the rule gives students full access of the facilities.

"The renovation of the weight room has been a big help, and there have been great efforts made to keep up the cardiovascular room, but of course there is more we could do to make it even better," said Grace.

When comparing Wartburg's PEC to the fitness centers on other campuses in the conference, the indoor facilities seem lacking. "It is very limited, there are other schools with larger cardiovascular rooms, weight rooms and less of a problem with teams sharing gym space. However, as soon as our stadium is done, our outdoor facilities are going to be some of the better available in our area," Grace said.

For now, there are definite plans to improve the workout facilities, however these plans are in the early stages of development and will not be put in motion for some time.

Many students are discouraged by this news. Not only is

there an overcrowding of students in general, but the student handbook states that athletics have first priority in scheduling, so those not on a team have an even greater disadvantage in finding space in the PEC to enjoy.

"I have better things to do in my day than wait to work out. Since in-season and off-season teams have the weight room closed to other students a large portion of the night, it's hard to work a time to go into my schedule. I have to work-out though, so it's very frustrating," said freshman Nina Bucknell.

Grace did point out that the spring sports currently inside will be outside soon.

Though the limitations in space will continue, the severity of the problem seems short term. "Access to our workout facilities for students is very important at Wartburg. It is part of our mission to help the whole population at this school maintain a healthy lifestyle. We are trying to do our best to make our facilities as available as possible," Grace said.



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Wrestlers win ninth straight IIAC title

Lance Ridpath

Staff Writer

The Wartburg wrestlers pulled off their ninth conference tournament title in a row Thursday in Waterloo.

Heading into the finals, the Knights had the conference title all but locked up. With seven wrestlers cruising into the championship round, the stage was set for a number of exciting, down-to-the-wire matches.

At 133, sophomore Joe Havig gave up an escape with less than five seconds left to Coe's Mike Corsiglia and lost, 6-5.

Sophomore 157-pounder Kevin Bratland fell behind early and came back against Central's Dmitry Tarasov. Trailing in the final seconds, Bratland's desperation take-down attempt failed as he lost a 3-2 decision.

Perhaps the most exciting match of the evening belonged to 197-pound senior Matt Buskohl. His one-point for riding time gained at the end of the third period tied the score at three apiece against Upper Iowa's Cliff Thompson. After a scoreless overtime, Buskohl chose the up position and held on for all 30 seconds of the overtime tiebreaker.

Sophomore heavyweight LeRoy Gardner also went into the tiebreaker with Luther's Brett Stender. This time, however, Gardner gave up an escape and lost, 2-1.

Other Knights' wrestlers in the finals were sophomores Kevin Powell and Sonny Alvarez, who each dropped decisions to ranked opponents in the 165 and 184 finals, respectively.

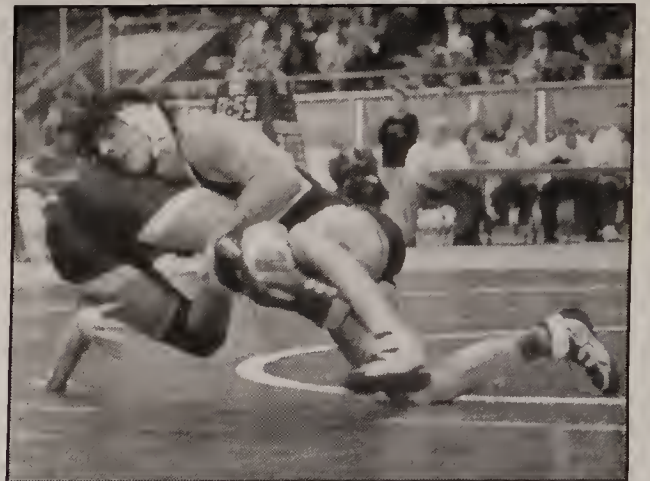
Wartburg's only other champion was sophomore 141-pounder Tony Ganas. After being hit with a penalty in the third period, Ganas held on for a 5-3 victory over Mark Van Beek of Buena Vista.

Earlier in the day, the JV wrestlers had a chance to compete. Highlighting that event were sophomores Gary Tate and Zach Behrends, who each won at 149 and 184, respectively.

The title makes it the 19th in school history, the most by any team in the Iowa Conference. The Knights racked up 154.5 points. Finishing in a distant tie for second were Loras and Luther with 122.5 points each.

"It feels awesome," said head coach Jim Miller, who has helped build the program into a national powerhouse since his arrival in 1991.

Although Wartburg won the title in a dominating fashion, the Knights had only two individual champions, the



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TWO POINTS—Junior Tony Ganas lands a take-down during the conference tournament.

lowest in nine years.

All seven wrestlers who wrestled in the finals automatically qualified for nationals. In addition to that, sophomore Kurt Nelson, who finished fourth at 149, was selected as a wild card entry. In previous years, the Knights have sent wrestlers from all ten weight classes to the national tournament.

"I feel bad for the other two who didn't make it," said Miller. "It's going to be a tough battle for the national championship. We're going to have to fight hard."

The national tournament will take place March 2-3 at Young Arena in Waterloo.



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TENACIOUS DEFENSE—Junior Marcus Meeks guards Loras' Brian Feldott as he brings the ball up the floor. Meeks led the Knights with a 17 point performance in a 91-85 loss to the Duhawks. The Knights went 2-1 on the week, picking up wins over conference rivals Luther and Simpson in addition to their loss against Loras. Wartburg enters the conference tournament as the No. 1 seed and riding a 17-game home winning streak. The Knights' first-round game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday in Knights Gym.

Men claim conference

Heather Johnson

Sports Editor

After clinching the Iowa Conference Championship last Tuesday with a win over Luther, the Knights were upset by Loras Saturday night in Dubuque, 91-85. The eighth-ranked Wartburg men could not overcome an 18-3 Duhawk run in the beginning of the second half, and finished the regular season conference schedule with two losses.

"We seemed to be flat on both ends of the court; we dug ourselves a huge deficit," head coach Dick Peth said.

The Knights rallied later in the second half, coming within 3 points in the final minutes, but could not keep Loras from taking advantage of the free throw line. The upset stops a seven-game win streak by the Knights heading into the post-season conference tournament.

"[The loss] will give us some incentive," Peth said. "It might be what we need to get ourselves ready."

The Knights shot a mere 33.3 percent from the field in the first

half before improving to 54 percent in the second half. The Duhawks outrebounded the Knights 36-33. Junior Marcus Meeks led Wartburg with 17 points and 6 assists. Sophomore Mike Pipho chipped in 14 points and grabbed six boards for the Knights.

Senior Pat Morrison hit a trey with 22 seconds left in Friday night's contest at Simpson to lift the Knights over a pesky Storm team. Senior Troy Osterhaus sunk two free throws with one second left to seal the victory.

Wartburg trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half before going on a 25-10 run in the last nine minutes of the half to take a 45-39 lead into the locker room.

The Knights boasted five players scoring in double figures. Sophomore Jake Olsen led the Wartburg's solid attack with 17 points including three of three from behind three-point land. Morrison dropped in 16 points, dished out 3 assists and grabbed two steals. Osterhaus had a solid all-around performance with 13 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals. Meeks and

junior forward Roger Kobliska each contributed 10 points in the win. Meeks also had five assists and six steals.

The Knights outshot the Storm with 52.8 percent from the field, 45 percent from behind the arc and 90 percent from the charity stripe. Wartburg also came out on top in the rebounding battle, 35-31.

Early last week the Knights wrapped up the conference title with a 63-53 win over the Luther Norse in Decorah. The win gave Wartburg its first title since 1993. Three Wartburg players led the Knights in double figures. Pipho had 15 points, eight boards, one block and two steals. The Luther game marked Pipho's 22nd straight double-figure game. Osterhaus also had 15 points, while dishing out three assists, blocking one shot and snatching two steals. Morrison chipped in 14 points.

The Knights will play their first-round conference tournament game Tuesday at 8 p.m. The Knights first-round opponent had not yet been announced at press time.

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Knights take title Stun Luther and Simpson

Anne Laughery

Staff Writer

The Wartburg women claimed sole possession of the Iowa Conference title Friday night when they beat Simpson, 78-76, Friday in Indianola. The Knights improved to 21-4 overall and secured the number one seed in the Iowa Conference Tournament.

Saturday night in Dubuque, what looked like an easy win for the Knights over the Dukawks of Loras College ended up just an 86-80 victory.

Heading into the locker room at half time the Knights led 35-14. The Duhawks refused to give up as they battled back to within just one point of the Knights with 3:35 left to play. However, Wartburg went on a 9-4 scoring run to finish with a win.

"Our players did a great job of hitting big shots and making some key plays. We did a good job of doing what we needed to do to get the win," said head coach Monica Severson.

Wartburg was led by senior Molly Mason who finished with 23 points, shooting 73.3 percent from the field and grabbing five boards, 5 assists and 5 steals. Sophomore Holly Mohs contributed 19 points and five assists in the win and junior Brianne Schoonover added 17 points. Loras ended with five players scoring in double digits with Kelly Triplett and Jennifer Badie leading the way with 15 points apiece.

"I thought they [Loras] shot the ball extremely well in the second half, and I think we hit a wall being tired both mentally and physically," said Severson.

This could be attributed to the fact that the Knights went into an overtime see-saw battle with Simpson College Friday night. The Knights came out with a 78-76 win to avenge their previous loss to the Storm early in the season.

"We went down there this time with the confidence knowing that as a team we could win, and we played well as a team even when the game was close," said

Severson.

The Knights had three players in double figures with freshman Jessica Mennen leading the way with a 25 point and 10 rebound performance. Mennen hit the game-winning field goal with just eight seconds left in the contest.

"Jess had a great game. She played exceptionally well and really hit big shots and free throws when the game was on the line," said Severson.

Mennen was followed by Mohs who tallied 17 points and 12 rebounds and Schoonover who added 10 points. The Knights shot just 38 percent from the field, while Simpson also struggled shooting 39 percent. However, the Knights did find their groove from the free throw line as they hit 28 of 37 (75.7 percent) compared to the Storm's 63.6 percent and out-rebounded Simpson 49-40.

"I think we came out a little slow, but picked up the pace in the second half. We didn't think about how close the game really was, but just focused on winning," said Mennen.

Wartburg had another close encounter Tuesday night as they squeaked by Luther College, 59-56. With the game tied and almost no time on the clock, Schoonover threw up a desperation half-court shot that found the backboard, rim and finally the net.

"I actually turned away thinking we were going into overtime, but it was one of those amazing things that happens," said Severson.

"It was awesome, I don't think I will ever forget it," Mennen said.

Mohs led the Knights in the victory with 17 points, followed by Schoonover with 14 and Mason with 12.

After three tough road games, the Knights will host the first round of the IIAC Tournament at 6 p.m. Tuesday night. The Knights' first-round opponent had not yet been officially announced at press time.

"We have to refocus and mentally prepare for the tournament, because when you are the top seed, everyone gives you their best shot, as we saw this week," said Severson.



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UNSTOPPABLE IN THE PAINT—Senior forward Molly Mason puts a shot up in the lane against three Loras Duhawks Saturday night. Mason led the Knights with 23 points on 73 percent shooting from the field. She also grabbed five rebounds, handed out five assists and had five steals. Wartburg secured the top seed for the conference tournament and will host Upper Iowa in Knights Gymnasium Tuesday night at 6 p.m. The men's first round match-up will follow.

Track team sets six records

Kenny Wilcox

Staff Writer

Staying true to form, Wartburg's track team set six records Friday and Saturday. The Knights helped to christen University of Wisconsin Whitewater's new facility with some national qualifications and top performances of the year.

Senior Miradeau Joseph set a new standard in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.12. Not only did Joseph finish first, but he also cut over a half-second off of his school record and automatically qualified for nationals.

"Coach Newsom beat up on us in practice on Wednesday so somebody had to get it," Joseph said.

Senior Tom Zirbel improved upon his own school record in the 3000 as he finished in front of a solid field Friday. Zirbel's new record now rests at 8:36.77.

"Sunny [sophomore teammate Adam Sundall] took it out at a good pace and set the tempo for the race," Zirbel said. "Everyone from Wartburg had a personal record in that race," Zirbel said in reference to Sundall, junior Brock Lehman, and sophomores Nick Betts and Tyson Keith.

Junior Gideon Salter reestablished his own school record in the weight throw. Salter threw 43' to finish sixth. Salter is looking forward to lengthening his record in the future and has his eyes set on conference.

In addition, the 800-meter relay team broke the school

record which had been set in 1997. Juniors Kevin Endelmann and Shawn McMorris teamed with senior Tyler Molstre and freshman Andy Six to place second with a time of 1:31.08. The team removed the previous record of 1:31.35 from the books.

The 1600-meter relay brought home gold Friday as well. Sophomores Gabe Molstre and Eric Ries joined junior Brad Hofer and Six for the winning performance. The unit finished in 3:24.96.

Junior Shawn McMorris blazed to second in the 200. His clocking of 22.59 puts him in second position on the all-time list at Wartburg.

Sophomore Joe Hughes picked up second in the 1500 with a 4:03.20 clocking.

Junior Michael Johnson went 6-2 in the high jump to finish second. Johnson also finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 41'.

Junior Chris Salter clocked 6.59 in the finals of the 55-meter dash to finish third. Adam Sundall finished the 3000 in 8:45.05, which was also good for third. Molstre soared 21'2" in the long jump to finish third as well.

The women had their fair share of notable performances as well. Records and national qualifications headlined the women's efforts.

The 1600-meter relay ran an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 3:56.89. Freshmen Nicole Dougherty and Sarah Tompkins combined with juniors Susie Reinhardt and Liz Jaben to squash their competition and set a school record by almost a full second.

Jaben also added a school record in the 55-meter dash by finishing second in 7.39, which wiped Barb White's record of 7.43 from the books.

In addition, the women's distance medley cruised to first and a provisional qualifying time of 12:11.85. Juniors Amie Brunko and Erin VanZee and freshmen Holly Dorenkamp and Jenni Janssen carried the stick for the winning effort.

"We took off almost 20 seconds from the last time we ran it," Brunko said. "Everybody performed well on their individual leg of the race."

There were a number of other notable races Saturday. Junior Stacey Ernst secured second in the 5000 with her best time of the year, 18:30.0. Junior Jessica Chmelar ran 35 seconds faster than her previous best indoors with a 19:08.10 clocking, which was good for fifth.

"My training and improved strength have helped elevate my confidence," Chmelar said.

Senior Melissa Stensland captured third in the weight throw with a toss over 42-0. Tompkins ran the second fastest indoor 400 in Wartburg history as she finished fifth with a time of 59.12.

Kristy Blasberg bested her time in the indoor 1500 by 14 seconds as she finished sixth with a 5:00.5 clocking.

"I really felt good, and I'm glad to be running fast again," Blasberg said.

Wartburg's track team will return to competition Friday and Saturday at Mt. Vernon for the indoor conference meet.